Purchase of a flat in Montreaux by Shri Ajitabh Bachchan

795. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Shri Ajitabh Bachchan has been an NRI with effect from 28th January, 1986, if so, when he applied for NRI status, how much amount was spent by him for the purchase of the Montreaux flat and how he managed the foreign (exchange) income from whom, and during how much period.

(b) what kind of Visa he held at the time of his foreign income and with what official address of residences and whether he held a work-permit when he was earning as an NRI;

(c) the exact export promotions by IPCA Limited which had a blanket permit and gave about US $ 1220 to Shri Bachchan for his travels in June, 1986 while he was an employee of Aeropharma and whether he was holding a Swiss permit as an employee at the time; and

(d) how an NRI was permitted to draw foreign exchange through a front company IPCA Limited and what are the guidelines in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The adjudication proceedings under FERA573 establish that Shri Ajitabh Bachchan had become a person resident outside India with effect from 20-2-86; no application was required to be made for becoming an NRI under FERA. The flat in Montreax, Switzerland was purchased and fully paid by M/s Arcopharma SA. Geneva, as a part of the overall business arrangements agreed to between M/s Arcopharma SA and Shri Ajitabh Bachchan. As per the information available on record, Shri Ajitabh Bachchan was holding valid Visa for stay in Switzerland. At present he holds a business Visa in Switzerland. details of addresses given by him in the Visa applications, which were made to foreign Missions in and outside India would be available only with those Missions. He was not required to have any work permit for rendering consultancy services to M/s. Arcopharma SA in Switzerland.

(c) and (d) The matter is being looked into.

Security arrangement for (late) Shri Hitabhilashi in Punjab

796. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Punjab BJP President (late) Shri Hitabhilashi came to know that certain persons were making inquiries about his daily visits to the Chandigarh BJP office and thereon he had requested the IG Police there to post armed guards at the BJP office; and

(b) what was the response of the IG Police, Chandigarh to this request and what were the consequences of not conceding Shri Hitabhilashi's request?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Shri Hitabhilashi contacted the Inspector General of Police, Chandigarh on 22nd August, 1988 and requested that since some strangers were seen making enquiries around BJP office in sector 11, Chandigarh, about his movements, a police guard may be posted at the BJP office.